

CREEKS & COMMUNITIES



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The Initiative for Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration and Management

Created in 1996


BLM, USFS in
partnership with
NRCS



'Healthy Streams Through Bringing People Together'



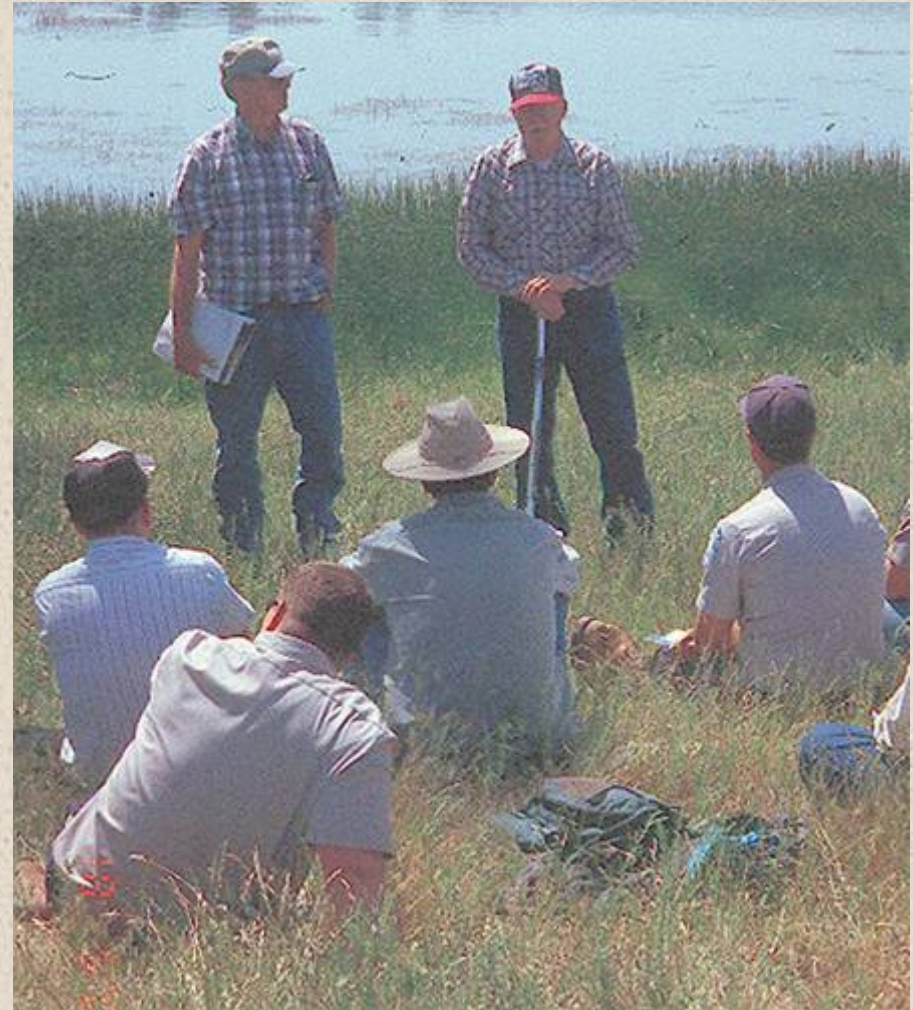
“Restoration will not happen by regulation, changes in the law, more money or any of the normal bureaucratic approaches. It will only occur through the integration of ecological, economic and social factors, and participation of affected interests.”

A group of approximately ten people are standing in a grassy field next to a small stream. They are surrounded by dense vegetation, including tall grasses and bushes. The people are dressed in casual outdoor clothing, suggesting a field trip or a community activity. The scene is outdoors, with a focus on the natural environment.

Increase awareness and shared understanding of riparian function and sustainability across a large number of diverse people.

Program Implementation

- Riparian Coordination Network
- Community-Based Training
- Service Trips
- Proper Functioning Condition Method (PFC)



On-The-Ground Condition

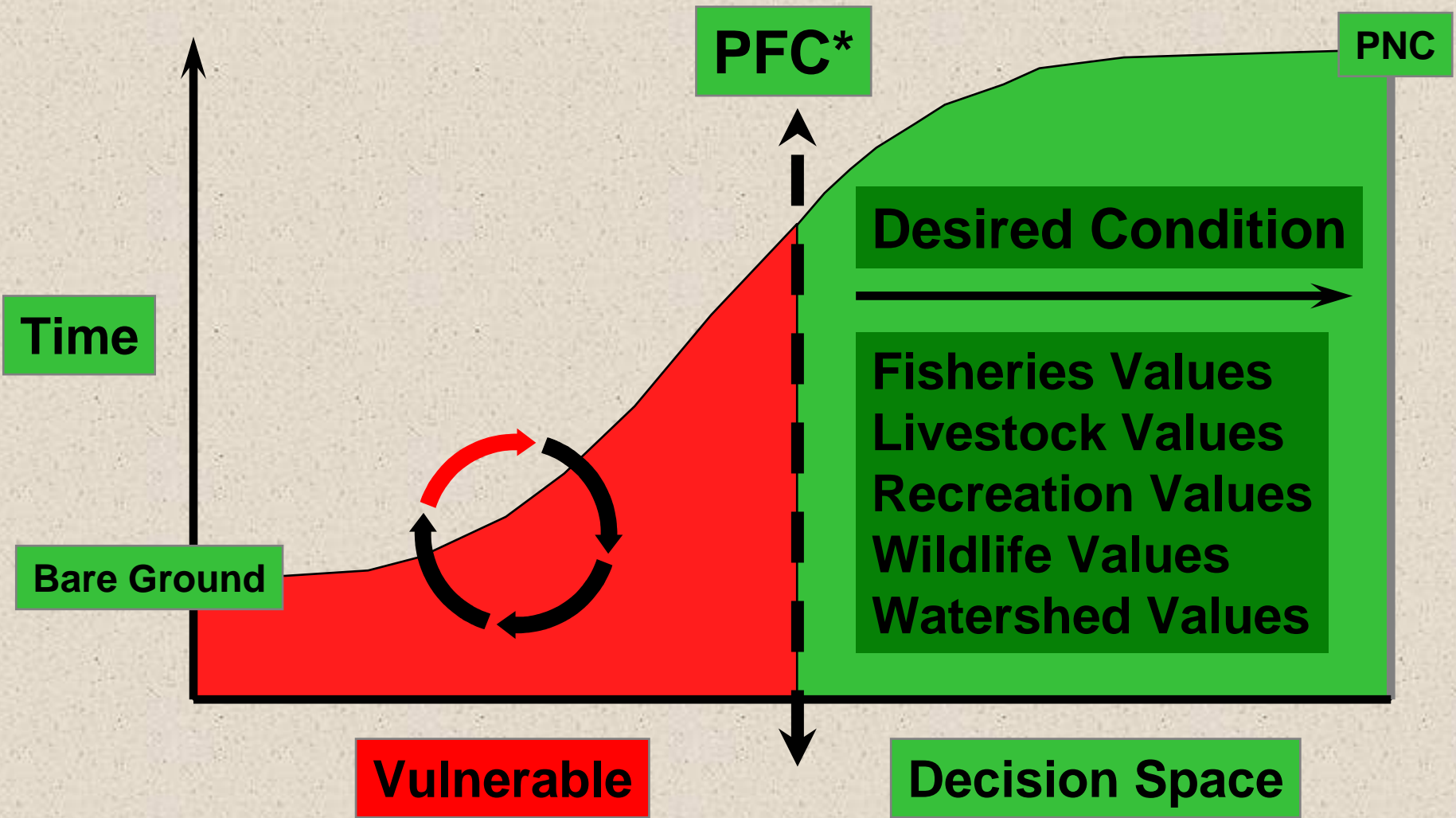
Adequate vegetation, land form or large woody material to:

- Dissipate stream energy
- Reduce erosion
- Filter sediment
- Capture bedload
- Aid floodplain development
- Improve floodwater retention and groundwater recharge
- Develop root masses that stabilize stream banks

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- Increased water quality and quantity
- Diverse ponding and channel characteristics
- Habitat for fish and wildlife
- Greater biodiversity
- Forage for livestock

Riparian Area Recovery



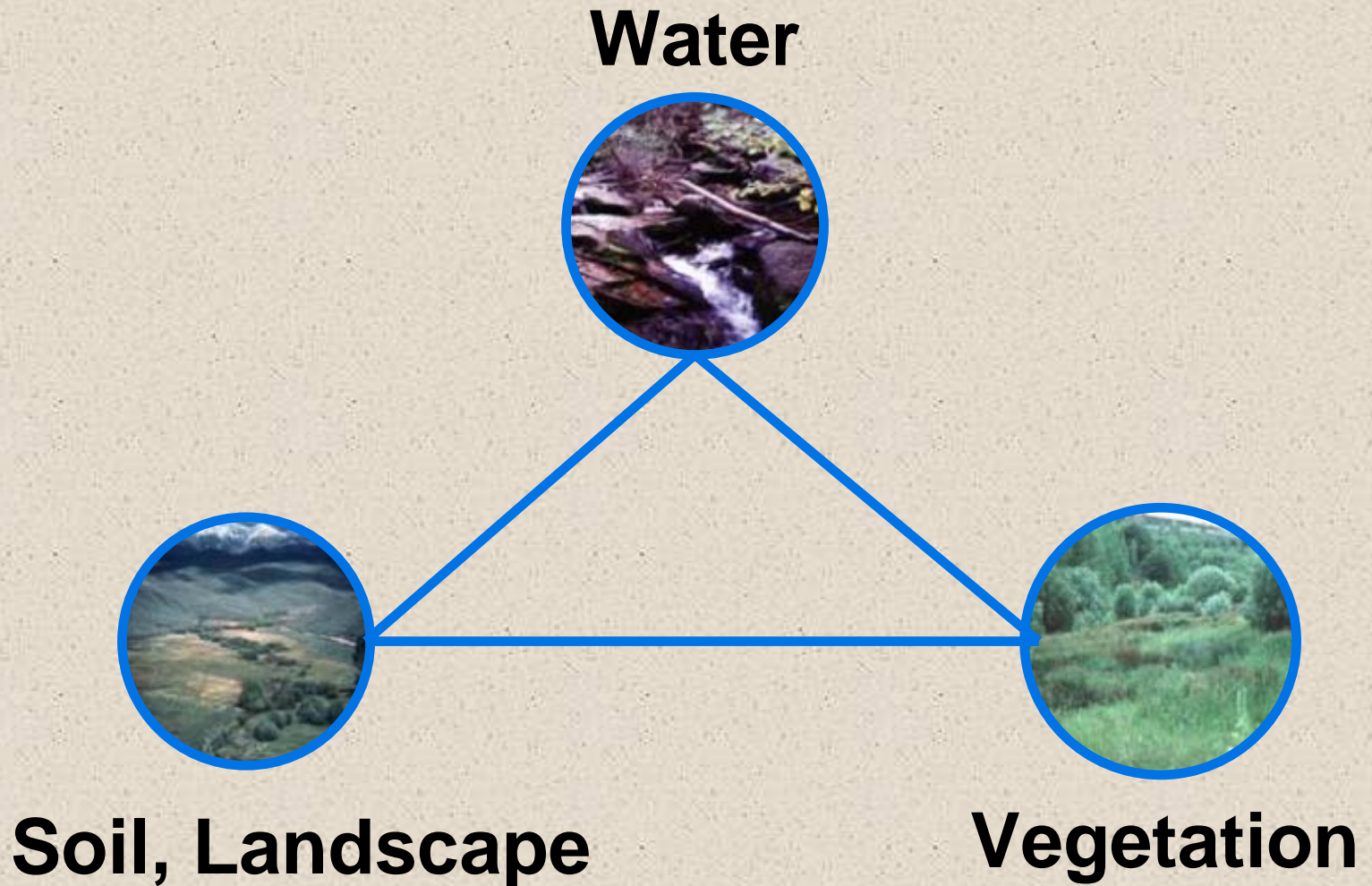
*Proper Functioning Condition = Resilient to a 25 - 30 year event or less (>85% of flows)

Communication Tool



Provides common terms, definitions and concepts important to building a shared understanding and vision among diverse stakeholders.

Assessment Method



What may be limiting?

How can management be improved?

What further evaluations are appropriate?

What's working well?



Program Activities

- **300 briefings and presentations**
 - 10,000 people
- **400 workshops**
 - 12,000 people
- **175 service trips**
 - 3,000 people



Program Evaluation

- ✓ Evaluate effectiveness of original strategy
- ✓ Indicate where program improvements could be made
- ✓ Provide information about specific program activities and accomplishments



Satisfaction

'Extremely Satisfied'

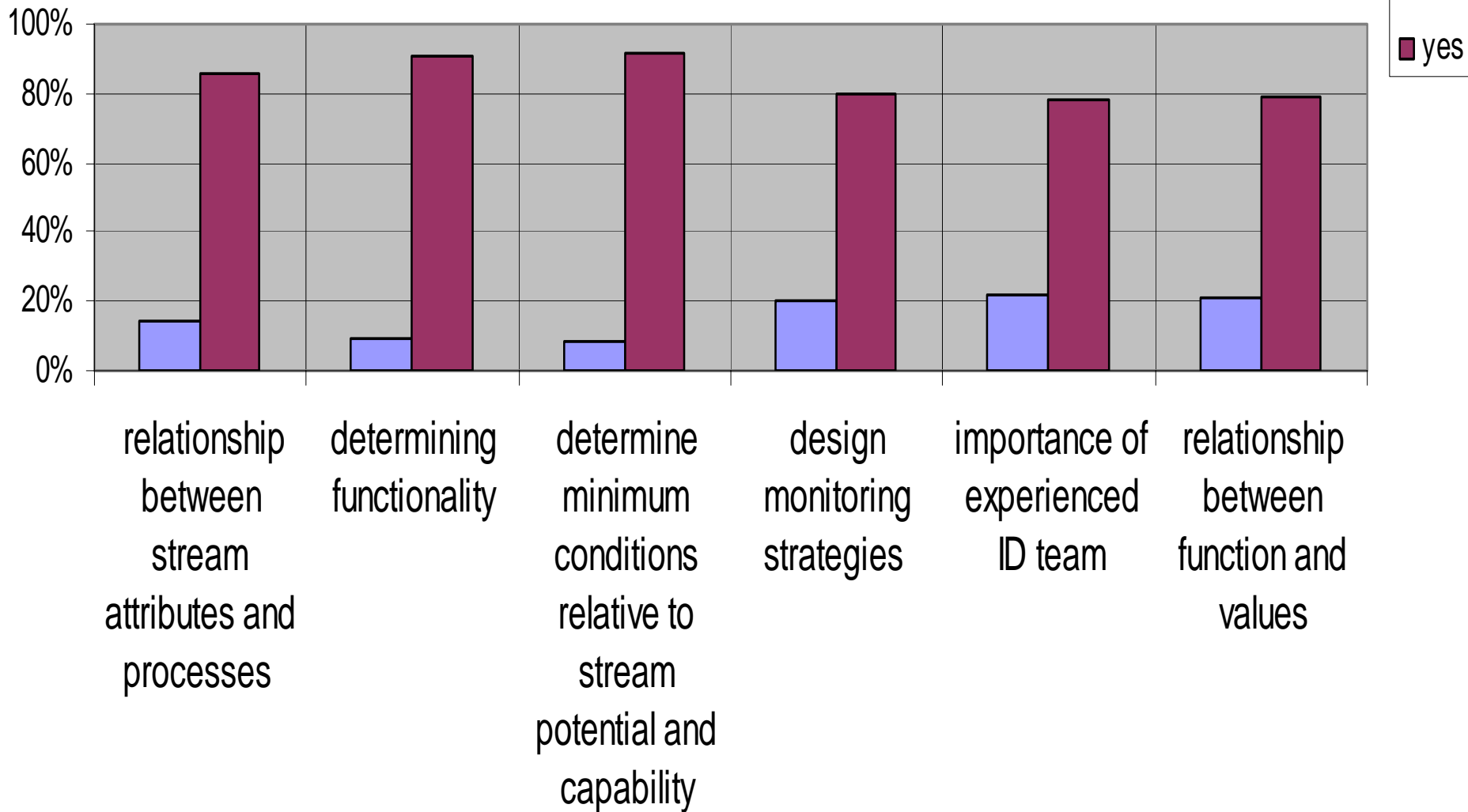
- instructor attributes
- products and services delivered

Some Concern

- availability and flexibility of NRST
- effectiveness of outreach efforts

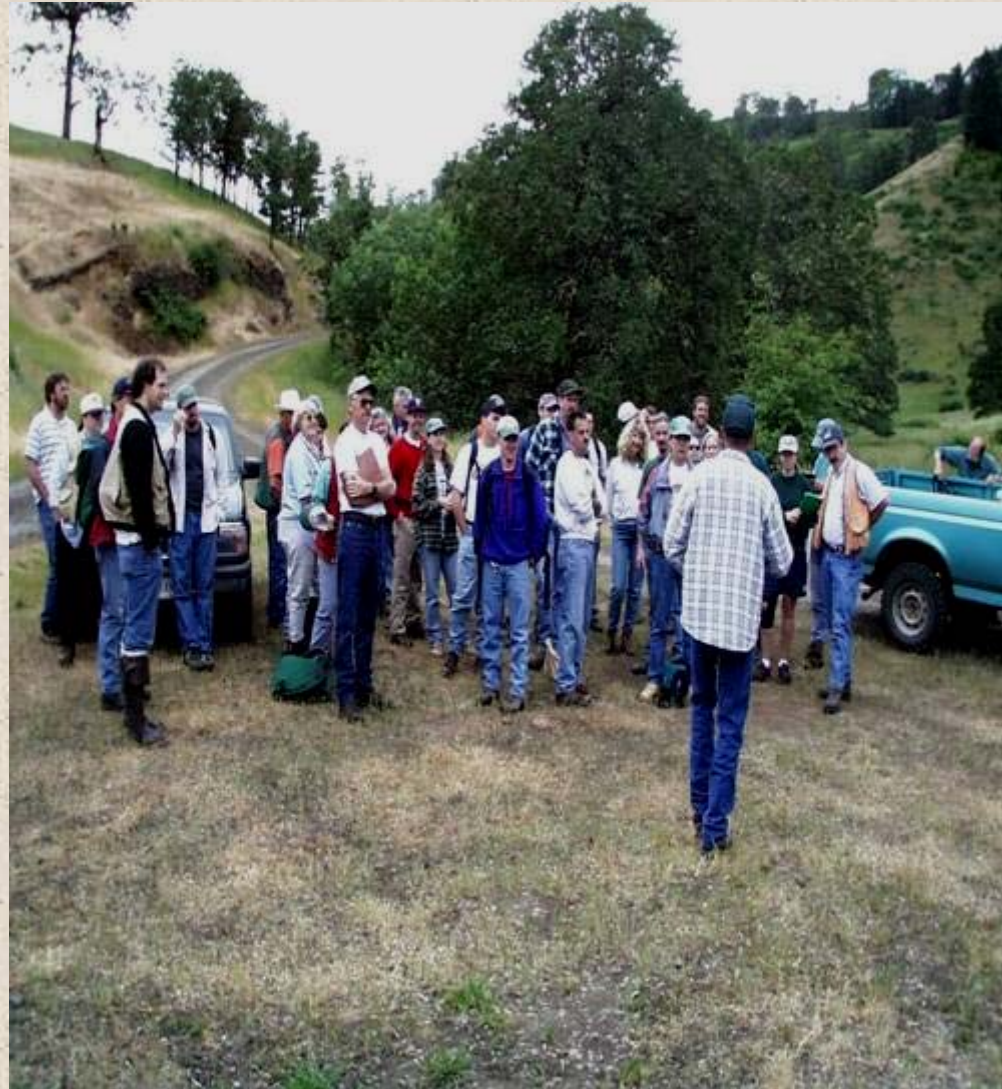


Did Participant Knowledge Increase?

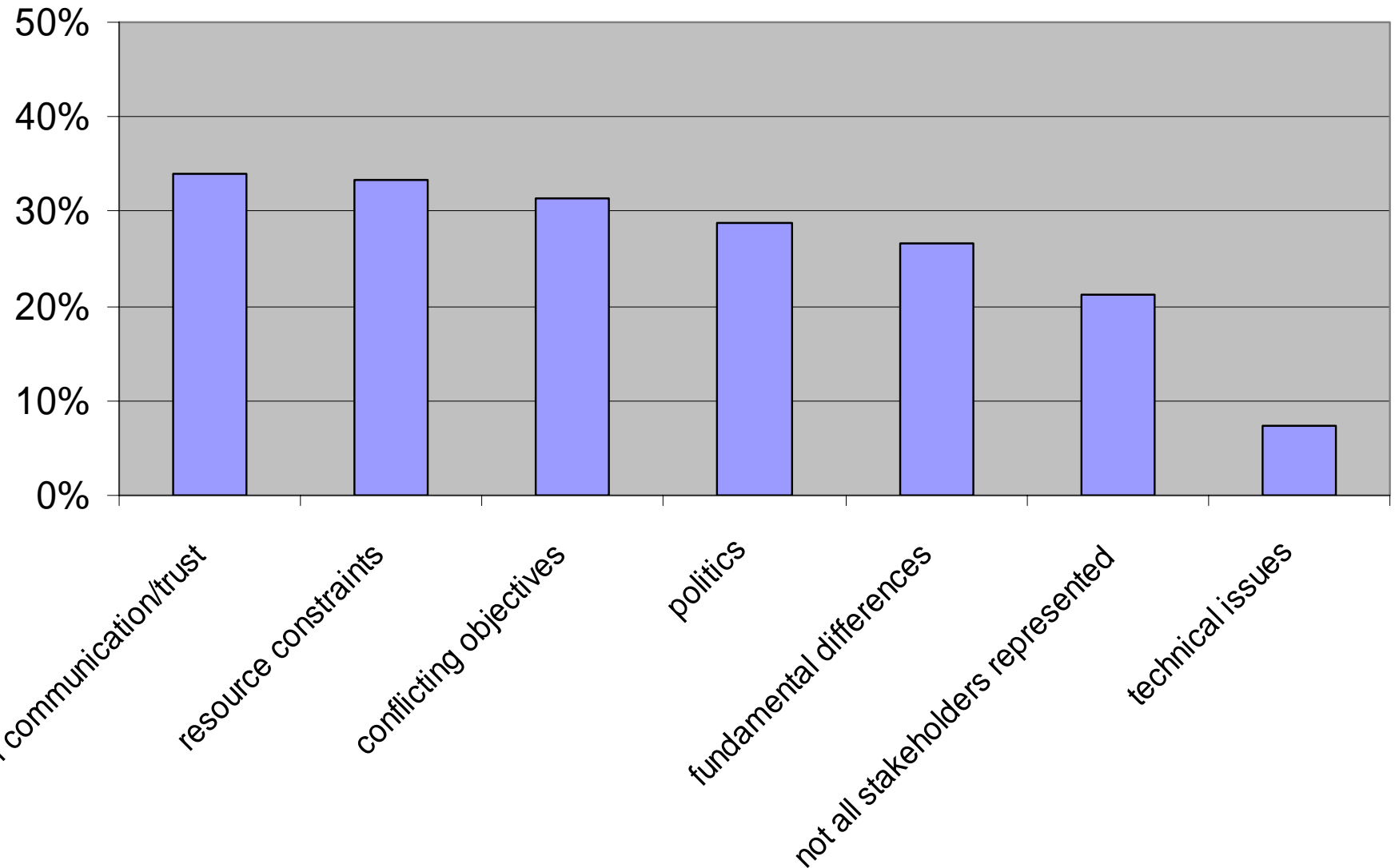


PFC Training Sessions

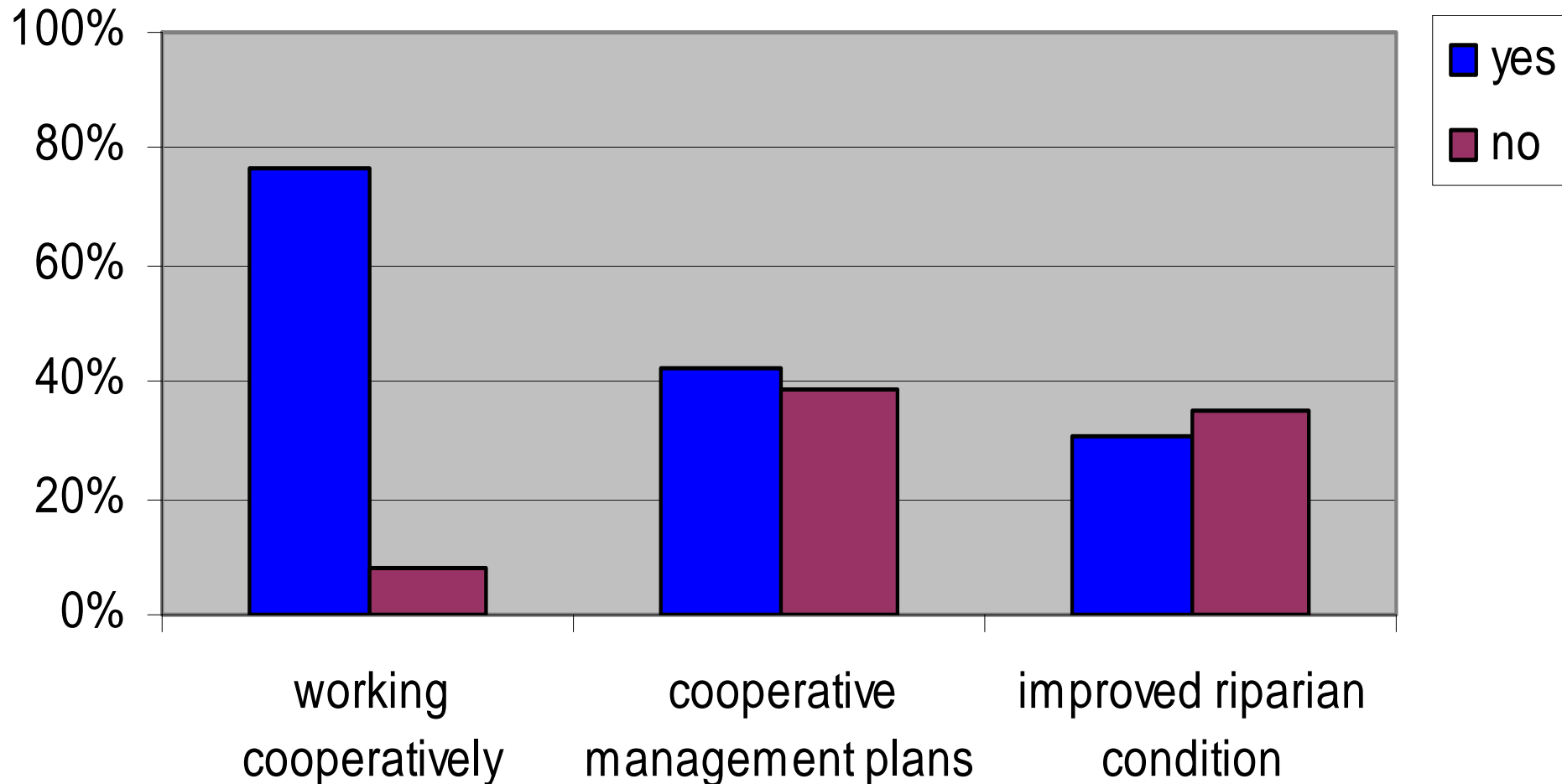
- Lack of diverse participation
- Limited long-term improvement in cooperation



Extremely Serious Barriers to Cooperative Riparian-Restoration and Management

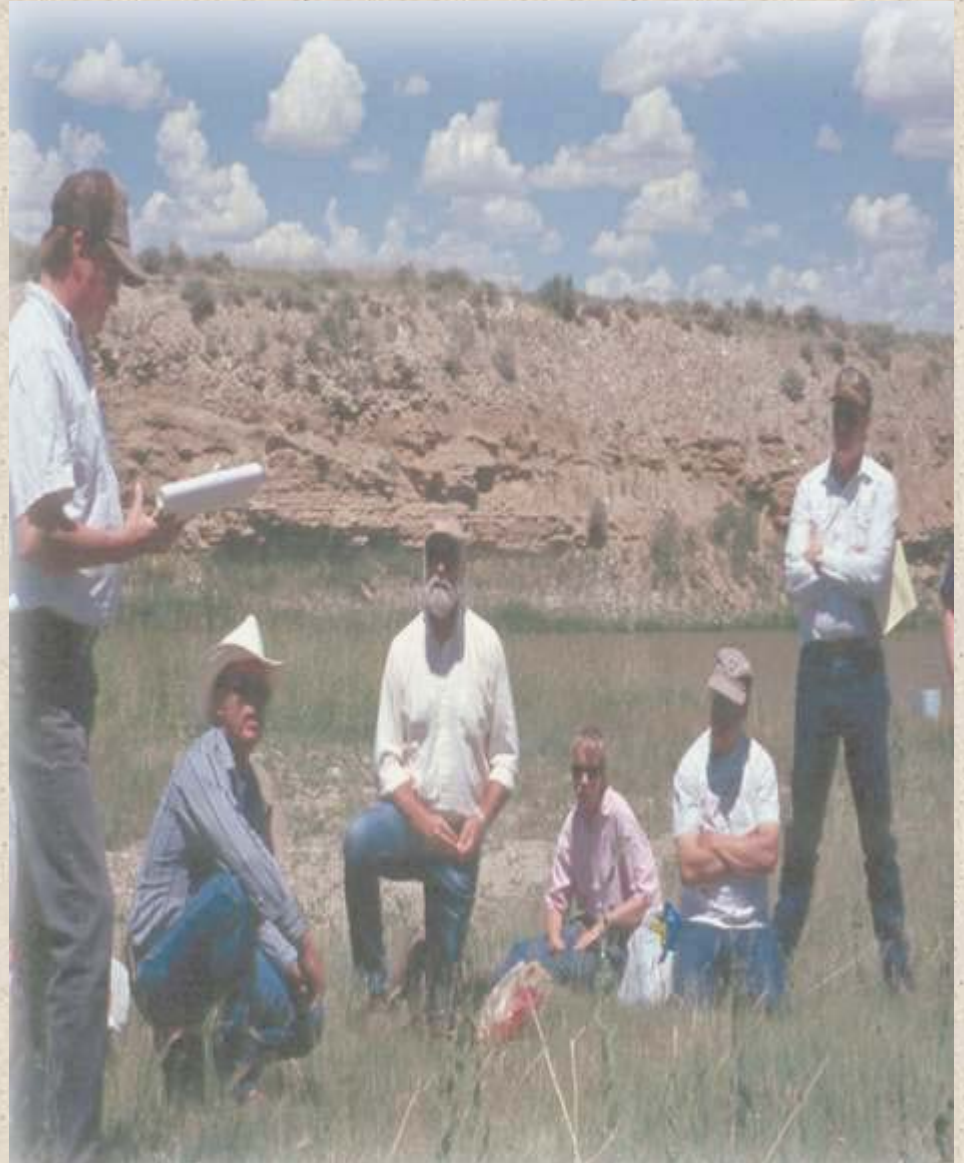


On-The-Ground Improvements Associated with Service Trips



Lower Rates of Success

- ✓ Lack of up-front participation by all stakeholders.
- ✓ Insufficient opportunities for dialogue and mutual learning.
- ✓ Limited follow-up.



Training sessions
are important to
building awareness
and a shared
understanding...



...the initiative's
mission cannot be
fulfilled through
training sessions
alone.

Secure the Up-Front Participation of Diverse Stakeholders



Build Relationships

Encourage Mutual Learning



Increase the Ability of a Group to Implement Agreed Upon Solutions



Building Capacity for Collaborative Stewardship

- Dealing with conflict
- Creating a common understanding
- Engaging in joint fact-finding
- Promoting mutual learning
- Building trust
- Encouraging collaborative relationships
- Fostering will
- Enhancing capabilities

